

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this patent application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.


Claims 2-23,25, and 26 have been subjected to a restriction requirement. Claim 26 has been cancelled, and consequently, Claims 2-23 and 25 are now active in this patent application.

In connection with the outstanding restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute within this patent application the invention as set forth in Group I comprising Claims 2-23 and 25. Claim 26 has been cancelled, Applicants reserving their right to file one or more divisional

patent applications in connection with the subject matter originally incorporated within Claim 26.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that this patent application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and an early and favorable action is now anticipated and awaited.

Respectfully Submitted,
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